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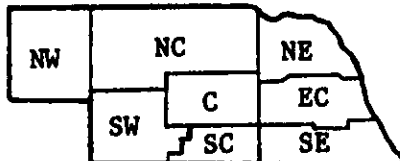
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged seven to ten degrees below normal for the week. Light precipitation occurred with amounts up to .45 inch in the northeast.

GENERAL

Row crop harvest continued at an above-average pace, despite rain and snow, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow in the West and rain over the remainder of the State early in the week slowed harvest activities but helped the winter wheat crop. Wet snow delayed finishing up the dry edible bean harvest in the West, although the regular sugar beet harvest did get into full swing during the week. Harvesting of row crops was the main activity for the week; some tillage and fencing were done after fields were harvested. An average of 5.5 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture was 70% short, 29% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 77% short and 23% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 74% short and 26% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 83% short and 17% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest progressed to 40% complete compared with 38% last year and 37% average. Producers were not pushing ahead too fast, allowing the crop to dry down in the field and

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saving drying costs. Harvest was underway in all regions although a few western counties have yet to begin.

Sorghum harvest gained momentum after a killing frost in the South started the crop drying down. The harvest was still slightly behind normal at 40% complete compared with 43% last year and 45% average.

Soybean harvest was 75% complete compared with 63% in 1989 and 57% average. Northern growers were slowed down because beans were dry but some vines were still green and they did not feed well into the combine. A hard frost helped that situation somewhat.

Winter wheat condition was 11% poor, 45% fair, 38% good, and 6% excellent. The crop was 90% emerged compared with 94% last year and 92% average. The moisture helped emergence and improved stands. Some areas were still needing rain for germination.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range conditions were 11% very poor, 32% poor, 43% fair, and 14% good. Cattle were moving into harvested fields with some supplemental feeding necessary where harvest had not begun. Producers were working and weaning calves. Calf sales were active in some central areas and picking up in other areas.

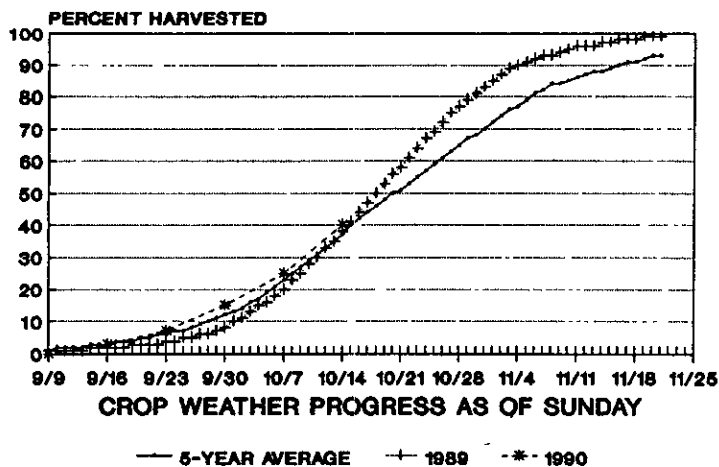
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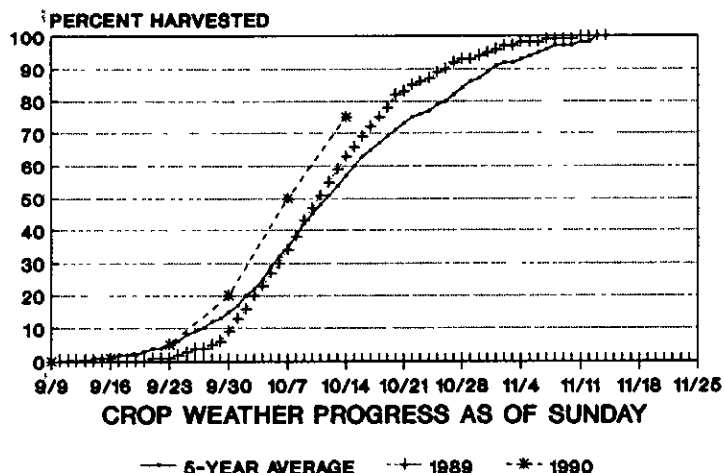
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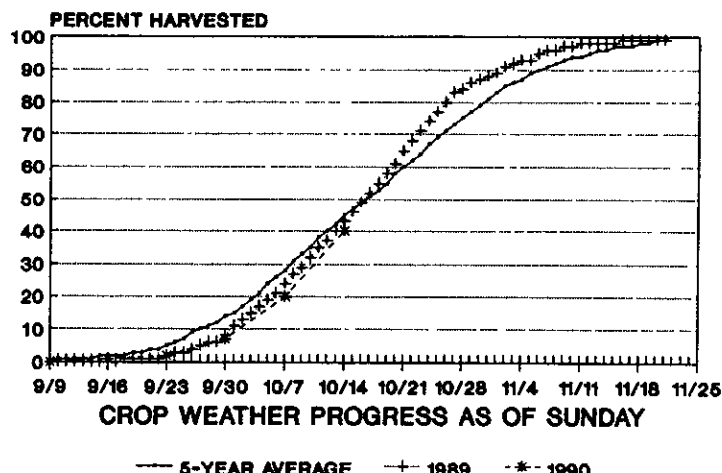
NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



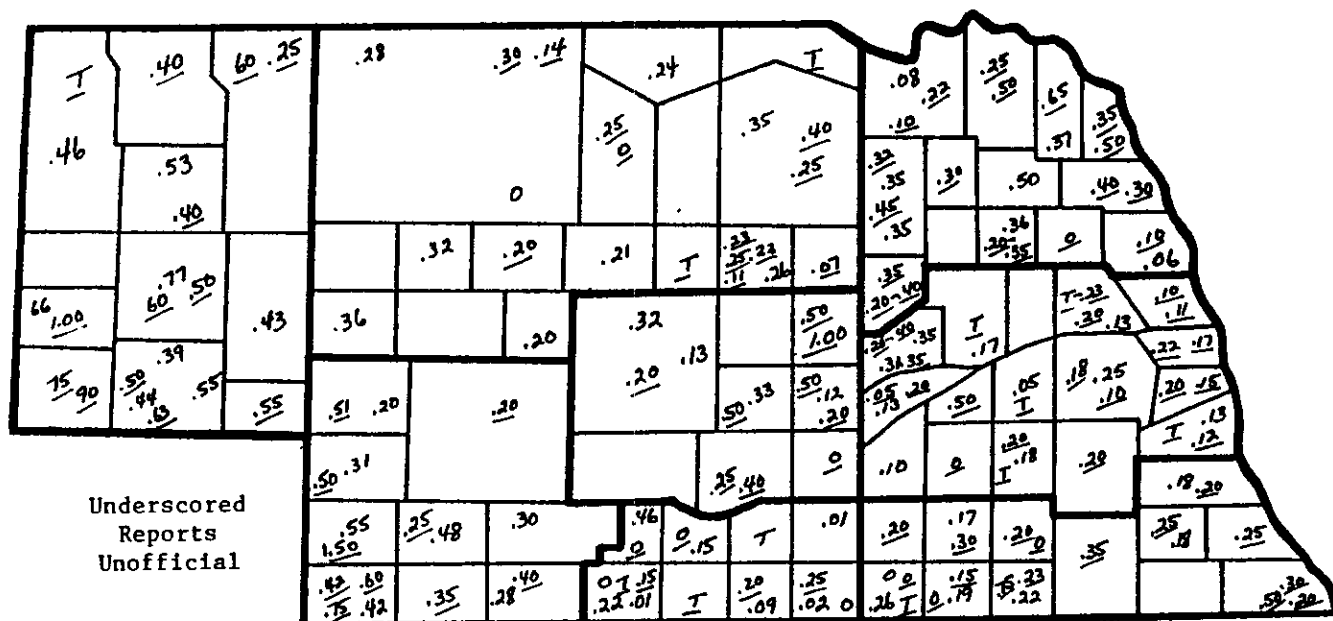
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1990



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1990

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	72	25	44	.22
	Scottsbluff	71	23	43	.01
	Sidney	70	22	42	.02
NC	Ord	68	23	45	0
	Valentine	70	20	42	.23
NE	Norfolk	64	24	46	.45
	Sioux City	64	26	47	.28
CEN	Grand Island	72	28	47	.12
EC	Lincoln	74	28	50	.16
	Omaha	71	31	49	.25
SW	Imperial	73	25	45	0
	North Platte	72	24	45	.25

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.